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Fulbright Serves Notice He'll Seek Showdown in Senate on CIA July 14

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Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) served notice yesterday that he will press for a showdown vote July 14 on a proposal to place the Central Intelligence Agency under broader congressional scrutiny.

Fulbright announced his intentions in letters to all Senate members.

It marks the break-down of an effort by Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) to negotiate a compromise on the politically touchy CIA issue between Senate critics and advocates of the agency.

As Fulbright announced his move the Senate voted unanimously to confirm the nomination of Richard Helms, a 53-year-old professional intelligence officer, to become director of the CIA. Helms now serves as Deputy Director.

The July 14 showdown will center on a resolution introduced by Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.) to create a nine-member Committee on Intelligence Operations—with three Senators each named from the Appropriations, Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees.

At present a seven-member subcommittee of Armed Services and Appropriations con-

ducts friendly annual reviews of CIA budgets and operations. Among the members are veteran Committee Chairmen Carl Hayden (D-Ariz.) of Appropriations and Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) of Armed Services. This group is the agency's staunchest defender on Capitol Hill.

The McCarthy resolution was prompted by dissatisfaction in the Senate—especially in the Foreign Relations Committee—with the CIA's role in foreign affairs.

Among the most common complaints heard from this group is that the agency often tends to side with non-democratic and military regimes. It is also argued by the critics that the agency has acted, at times, to frustrate U.S. foreign policy objectives.

The present intelligence "establishment" at the Capitol has countered that the Foreign Relations Committee was merely trying to "muscle in" on the intelligence field.

Early this year Fulbright clashed with former CIA Director William F. Raborn over his refusal to answer questions before the Foreign Relations Committee.

The McCarthy resolution would empower the proposed committee on intelligence operations to review the programs of all three principal intelligence agencies — the

CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Department of State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research.

In another development the president of the American Political Science Association, Stanford University professor Gabriel Almond, charged at a Senate hearing that the CIA has "damaged the reputation of American academics for objective research."

He singled out for criticism such incidents as the agency's controversial relationship with Michigan State University.

Almond testified at the foreign research hearings held by a Government Operations Subcommittee headed by Sen. Fred Harris (D-Okla.)